

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--December 1986

I. GENERAL

A. The death of Hong Kong Governor Sir Edward Youde on 5 December, while on a working visit to Beijing, came as a shock to the Hong Kong community. Live broadcasts of the funeral dominated local television and radio while the media immediately began speculating about the choice of his successor. A replacement is expected to be named in January. PRC media, while noting his positive role in negotiating the Sino-British joint declaration for the return of Hong Kong to the PRC, announced that the choice of a successor is strictly a British matter. The death of Sir Edward is not expected to result in any policy shifts for Hong Kong; however, it is expected to precipitate a government reshuffle and possibly some major restructuring of key posts.

B. The wave of student demonstrations and calls for greater democracy that swept through a number of PRC cities in December failed to generate much overt enthusiasm among students in the southern provinces which are covered by the bureau. A student procession in Guangzhou on the 20th, which was reportedly held in support of their northern China counterparts, drew only a few hundred students. A 15 December student protest at nearby Shenzhen University did not focus at all on the call for greater democracy but was directed at a proposed tuition increase. The bureau's provincial radios made only passing references to the demonstrations with commentaries emphasizing the need for stability. However, the local Hong Kong press, AFP and the PRC press agencies covered by the bureau supplied timely reporting on developments throughout the month.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The resignation of Chinese monitor to take effect in mid-January, will mean the Chinese section will be down two monitors from its normal strength. The vacant positions are not expected to have any immediate impact on bureau operations largely due to the return of our former television monitor to active fulltime monitoring following the transfer of PRC television coverage to Okinawa Bureau. At least one of the vacant positions is expected to be filled early in the new year.

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2. An AFP journalists strike (11-18 December) at the

press agency's Paris office in December did not affect the flow of AFP stories into the AFP Hong Kong office. Thus, the bureau's AFP coverage area was unaffected by the strike. As with a past work stoppage locally hired journalists in AFP's Asian bureaus did not participate in the strike. However, the bureau filed a number of internal AFP administrative messages to MOD in which locally hired journalists in Asia and North Africa called for a voice in the strike action. The possibility that AFP's Asian bureaus might participate in some future labor action now seems to be more of an open question.

3. JIEFANGJUN BAO, the official newspaper of the Central Military Commission, announced it would be openly published at home and abroad beginning 1 January. Since it began publication in 1956 the newspaper has always been restricted to readers in the armed forces and in party and government organs. A XINHUA report advised that the paper would "not change its original nature of being the official newspaper of the Central Military Commission" once it begins being openly disseminated. It added that its role as a mouthpiece would also not be weakened. The bureau plans on assuming coverage of the newspaper in January. Subscriptions were also placed for Seoul and Okinawa bureaus and NEAD.

4. A new Guangdong radio station focusing on economic news began broadcasting on 1 December using the same frequencies as former Guangzhou Guangdong provincial no 2 service. The bureau has surveyed the broadcasts and found them to contain little unique reporting. The new station largely carries repeats of newscasts from Guangzhou Guangdong provincial service.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

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III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

[redacted] wife of Deputy Chief [redacted] arrived in Hong Kong on 27 December.

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IV. VISITS

Former Hong Kong bureau chief [redacted] while on private travel 10 Dec.

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Deputy Bureau Chief

Attachment and 3 - Hqs

cc: 1 - C/Bangkok
1 - C/Seoul
1 - C/Okinawa

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1179060
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	84670
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1926

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2675	14550	286

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	3260
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11900
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9300
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7090
GUANGZHOU ZHU JIANG ECONOMICS RADIO STATION IN CANTONESE	310
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9280
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1230
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8700
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5440
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12600
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7720
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4830
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	14140
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11150
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10130
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9000
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6020
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE	2640

HONG KONG ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE IN CHINESE	12390
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	31940
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE	3750
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH	38490
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE	2040
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE	32710
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE	2840
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE	97190
BEIJING JINGJI CANKAO IN CHINESE	1430
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	16790
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE	10940
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE	25900
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING LIADWANG IN CHINESE	15880
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	7440
BEIJING QUNYAN IN CHINESE	2630
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	101430
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	6150
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	3310
BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE	1860
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN CHINESE	0

BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN CHINESE	2990
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	12110
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN CHINESE	5330
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	7740
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	55250
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
KUNMING YUNNAN SIXIANG ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU GANSU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU LANZHOU WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN CHINESE	2220
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	210
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	1070
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN CHINESE	6760
ZHENGZHOU HENAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0

HONG KONG	
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN ENGLISH	530
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	880

HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN	
ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG AFP IN	
ENGLISH	93660
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN	
ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN	
CHINESE	8720
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN	
ENGLISH	680
HONG KONG HONGKONG STANDARD IN	
ENGLISH	8680
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN	
CHINESE	2540
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN	
CHINESE	7490
HONG KONG MING PAO IN	
CHINESE	5850
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN	
ENGLISH	32640
HONG KONG SUNDAY MORNING POST IN	
ENGLISH	5100
HONG KONG SUNDAY STANDARD IN	
ENGLISH	1850
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
CHINESE	12510
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
ENGLISH	4020
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN	
CHINESE	7600
NEW ZEALAND	
AUCKLAND THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD IN	
ENGLISH	0
WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN	
ENGLISH	2740
PHILIPPINES	
BAGUIO CITY MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING COMPANY IN	
ENGLISH	11560

DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN		
TAGALOG	400	
LADAG CITY NATION BROADCASTING COMPANY CORP. STATION DWRI IN		
ILOCANO	490	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN		
ENGLISH	16700	
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN		
TAGALOG	21630	
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN		
ENGLISH	590	
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN		
TAGALOG	11470	
CEBU CITY VISAYAN HERALD IN		
ENGLISH		400
DAVAO CITY MINDANAO TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		1020
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN		
ENGLISH		0
DAVAO CITY PERIODIKO DABAW IN		
ENGLISH		670
DAVAO CITY THE DAILY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN		
ENGLISH		380
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN		
ENGLISH		0
MANILA FILIPINO TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		1940
MANILA MANILA BULLETIN IN		
ENGLISH		37050
MANILA MR. & MS. (SPECIAL EDITION) IN		
ENGLISH		0
MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IN		
ENGLISH		34070
MANILA THE MANILA CHRONICLE IN		
ENGLISH		56680
MANILA THE MANILA EVENING POST IN		
ENGLISH		6250
MANILA THE MANILA JOURNAL IN		
ENGLISH		2840
MANILA THE MANILA TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		14990
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN		
ENGLISH		13670
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN		
ENGLISH		0
MANILA THE PHILIPPINE TRIBUNE IN		
ENGLISH		660
MANILA THE SUNDAY TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		1220
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN		
ENGLISH		23040
QUEZON CITY BUSINESS DAY IN		
ENGLISH		74950
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN		
ENGLISH		7370
QUEZON CITY WE FORUM IN		
ENGLISH		0